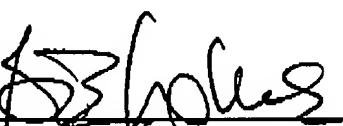


**REMARKS**

Claims 1 – 34 were pending in this application prior to this Amendment. Claims in independent form. Claims 6, 9, and 26-34 were amended so that the word "claim" in the preamble was presented consistently with a lower case "c". All of the claims left pending in the application were either indicated as allowable or were allowed outright in the Office Action. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (314) 726-7505.

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